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In the Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A device for an automotive vehicle comprising: a seatbelt having a buckled state and an unbuckled state; [[and]]
- a self-powered wireless switch assembly coupled to the seatbelt, the self-powered wireless switch assembly comprising an energy harvesting element generating electrical power, a capacitor storing power received from the energy harvesting element, and a wireless transmitter transmitting a wireless status signal corresponding to the buckled state and the unbuckled state;

a receiver receiving a wireless signal; and

an electrical request signal generated by the receiver requesting the wireless status signal.

- 2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the energy harvesting element comprises a piezoelectric material.
- 3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the energy harvesting element comprises an antenna capturing stray radiant radio frequency energy.
- 4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the signal comprises a seatbelt location identifier.
- 5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the self-powered wireless switch assembly is coupled to a buckle side of said seatbelt.
- 6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the self-powered wireless switch assembly is coupled to a tongue side of said seatbelt buckle.
 - 7. (Canceled)

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- 8. (Currently Amended) An automotive vehicle comprising:
- a seat;
- a seatbelt mounted adjacent to said seat;
- a device comprising said seatbelt having a buckled state and an unbuckled state, a self-powered wireless switch assembly coupled to the seatbelt, the self-powered wireless switch assembly comprising an energy harvesting element generating electrical power, a capacitor storing power received from the energy harvesting element, and a wireless transmitter transmitting a wireless status signal corresponding to the buckled state and the unbuckled state;
- a receiver receiving the wireless status signal and generating an electrical status signal corresponding to the wireless status signal; [[and]]

an indicator coupled to the receiver to display the electrical status signal; and
a request signal generated by the receiver wherein the wireless status signal is
transmitted in response to receiving the request signal.

- 9. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 wherein the energy harvesting element includes a piezoelectric device.
- 10. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 wherein the seat is removable.
- 11. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 wherein the seat is non-removable.
- 12. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 wherein the seat is foldable.

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- 13. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 further comprising a plurality of receivers.
- 14. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 wherein the receiver communicates wirelessly with the indicator.
- 15. (Original) The automotive vehicle of claim 8 further comprising a control module for conditioning the electrical status signal received from the receiver and the conditioned electrical status signal to the indicator.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A method of using a device in an automotive vehicle comprising:

coupling a seatbelt comprising a tongue side to a buckle side;

generating power from an energy harvesting element in response to coupling;

storing the power in a capacitor;

generating a seatbelt status in response to the coupling;

powering a transmitter with the stored power;

transmitting a wireless signal comprising the seatbelt status;

receiving the wireless signal in a receiver; [[and]]

generating an alert message indicative of the seatbelt status; and

receiving a request signal, wherein transmitting the wireless signal in response to receiving the request signal.

- 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein transmitting the wireless signal comprises a seatbelt identification and a seatbelt status.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the energy harvesting element is a piezoelectric material.

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- 19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein transmitting the wireless signal comprises a second seatbelt identification and a second seatbelt status.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein transmitting the wireless signal comprises a plurality of seatbelt identifications and a plurality of seatbelt statuses.
 - 21. (Currently Amended) A device for an automotive vehicle comprising: a seatbelt having a buckled state and an unbuckled state;
- a self-powered wireless switch assembly coupled to the seatbelt, the self-powered wireless switch assembly comprising an energy harvesting element generating electrical power, a capacitor storing power received from the energy harvesting element, and a transmitter transmitting a electrical status signal corresponding to the buckled state and the unbuckled state; [[and]]

an indicator coupled to the self-powered wireless switch assembly, the indicator receiving the electrical status signal and generating an indication corresponding to the electrical status signal; and

a request signal generated by the receiver wherein the wireless status signal is transmitted in response to receiving the request signal.

- 22. (Original) The device of claim 21 wherein the self-powered wireless switch assembly further comprises a wireless transmitter transmitting a wireless status signal corresponding to the buckled state and the unbuckled state.
 - 23. (Canceled)

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- 24. (Currently Amended) A device for an automotive vehicle comprising: a seatbelt having a buckled state and an unbuckled state; and
- a self-powered wireless switch assembly coupled to the seatbelt, the self-powered wireless switch assembly comprising an energy harvesting element generating electrical power, a receiver receiving a request signal and generates an electrical request signal corresponding to the request signal, and a wireless transmitter transmitting a wireless status signal corresponding to the buckled state and the unbuckled state <u>in response to receiving the request signal</u>.
- 25. (New) The device of claim 24 wherein the energy harvesting element comprises a piezoelectric material.
- 26. (New) The device of claim 24 wherein wireless status signal comprises a seatbelt identification and a seatbelt status.